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Mill Creek Distribution System
Minutes of Annual Water Users Meeting

April 6, 1988

The annual meeting of the Mill Creek Distribution System was called to order at 10:05 a.m. by Mr. Lee Sim, Directing Engineer over Distribution, for the Division of Water Rights. Mr. Sim introduced himself and Mark Page, the Area Engineer from Price. He indicated that the meeting would follow the agenda that was sent to the water users prior to the meeting.

The first order of business was the reading of the minutes of the 1987 annual meeting. Mr. Page was asked to read the minutes. One correction was noted in paragraph #4. The Walker - Ditch #3 should have read Walker - Ditch #5. With no further discussion, D.L. Taylor made a motion to accept the minutes as read, with the one noted correction. John Bicking seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous.

A discussion of the financial statement for the system was the next item of business. As of January 1, 1987, there was \$3254.32 in the trust account. Receipts for the year amounted to \$2508.78. The noted expenditures of \$2328.77 were to cover expenditures during the 1986 water year. It was noted that no interest is reflected in the financial statement. When a computer program becomes operational, the correct amount will be added, which is presently estimated to be about \$175.00. Just prior to the meeting, Mr. Byrnes submitted his expenses for 1987. These totaled \$2455.25. This total included three days of work in October and November, authorized by the chairman, to control water use on the Mesa. Therefore, the current estimated balance is \$1154.08. A motion was made by John Bicking to accept the financial statement. A second was added by Ellen Alger. The motion passed.

Mr. Sim asked the Commissioner, Mr. Byrnes, to give a brief report of the 1987 water year. He indicated that there was a good water supply. The problem with Ditch #5, from the headgate to the divider box, was repaired by Janie Walker. It appeared that during the construction of the pipeline, the rubber gaskets

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were not properly placed. The head gate and measuring device at the diversion on Mill Creek from the South Mesa will need to be repaired before water can be taken this year. During the past year, the Mesa users were shut down on August 14, unless they had additional water from either Moab Irrigation Company, or the Conservancy District. Some problems followed on the Wilson-Mesa Irrigation Company Ditch.

Mr. Byrnes noted that the current snowpack at the LaSal Upper Station was 79% this year, compared to 134% in 1987. No figure was available for the projected flow in Mill Creek.

Carroll Clark inquired about the payment to the Commissioner for services rendered in September, 1987. Mr. Sim indicated that he will not be paid for his time or travel because he was not authorized to work past September 1, 1987. Mr. Clark made a motion to pay the Commissioner for 15 days of service at \$20/day, and for his travel expenses during that time. The travel amounted \$150.00. D.L. Taylor seconded the motion. All present voted in the affirmative.

Concerning the need for the Commissioner's services in 1988, Ellen Alger made a motion that he serve from June 1 to September 1. It was agreed by those present that the Commissioner's services during 1987 were adequate.

Mr. D.L. Taylor made a motion that the same budget be used in 1988 as was established in 1987, except that an additional \$100./00 be added to the travel line item. Carroll Clark seconded the motion. The vote was unanimous. Therefore, the following budget was established for 1988:

Contractual Services	\$1670.00
Travel Expenses @ \$0.35/mile	\$800.00
Bonding Expenses	\$50.00
Annual Report	\$100.00
Miscellaneous Expenses	\$50.00
Total	\$2670.00

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The motion included the provision that the assessment in 1988 would equal the budget. It was also felt that if it was determined by the Committee, the Commissioner could work additional days if necessary, at the rate of \$20.00/day and be reimbursed for travel expenses at a rate of \$0.35/mile.

D.L. Taylor made a motion to have the State Engineer reappoint Mr. Robert Byrnes as Commissioner for 1988. Ellen Alger seconded the motion. All present concurred.

Venice Denney made a motion to have the following water users serve as the Committee in 1988:

Dale Pierson	Chairman, GCWCD
Jimmy Walker	Moab Irrigation Company
Ray Alger	Mesa Users

The motion was seconded by Carroll Clark. The motion passed.

With no further business, the meeting adjourned at 11:20 a.m.

Those present included:

Dale Pierson	Grand Cy. Water Cons. District
D.L. Taylor	Grand Cy. Water Cons. District
Venice Denney	Moab Irrigation Company
John Bicking	Self
R. Nunn	Wilson-Mesa Irrigation Company
Ray Alger	Self
Ellen Alger	Self
Carroll L. Clark	Moab Irrigation Company